



Grace Episcopal Church
Outdoor Service
June 6, 2021



Greeting

Opening Sentence *(Pocket Prayers for Pilgrims)*

God of special places, thin with prayers and epiphanies, meet us today and touch our lives, that we may be reminded in a world of change and anxiety that only your presence is constant, and only love is worthwhile.

Collect *(New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)*

Loving God,
In Jesus you gather us into your family;
confidently we call you Father;
may your Spirit bring us to share
the glorious liberty of your children.

Almighty God,
You have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
and set us free from bondage to sin;
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all people may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 113 *Read responsively by whole verse*

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

A Reading from Isaiah 58: 8-12

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.
And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.
And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.

-The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 12 - A Song of Creation

Invocation: **Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

I. The Cosmic Order:

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold,
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days,
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

II. The Earth and its Creatures:

**Let the earth glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Doxology: **Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

A Reading from The Gospel Matthew 7:7-14

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

-The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Reflections

A Time of Silence *A bell will chime three times*

The Apostle's Creed *(Rite I)*

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead:
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty:
From thence he shall come to Judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost:
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints:
the forgiveness of sins:
the resurrection of the body:
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Contemporary)*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Young People *(The Book of Uncommon Prayer)*

We are not supermodels or professional athletes.

God does not make mistakes.

We are the children of God.

God does not make mistakes.

God has a plan.

God does not make mistakes.

He may not share it with you all at once.

God does not make mistakes.

But God has a plan.

God does not make mistakes.

God sees the whole puzzle.

God does not make mistakes.

We only see one small piece.

God does not make mistakes.

We will believe.

God does not make mistakes.

We will take comfort in the promise that
God is the potter.

God does not make mistakes.

We are the clay.

God does not make mistakes.

Amen.

Congregational Prayer *(New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)*

Let us be at peace within ourselves.

Silence

Let us accept that we are profoundly loved
and need never be afraid.

Silence

Let us be aware of the source of being
that is common to us all and to all living creatures.

Silence

Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion
towards ourselves and towards all living beings.

Silence

Realizing that we are all nourished
from the same source of life,
may we so live that others be not deprived
of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

Silence

Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be
a cause of suffering to one another.

Silence

With humility let us pray for the establishment
of peace in our hearts and on earth.

Silence

May God kindle in us
the fire of love to bring us alive
and give warmth to the world.

Silence

**Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart,
our world, our universe.**

Church Prayer List

We pray for all of who have been impacted by the Covid-19 virus -- those who are sick, those who've died, and those who mourn. *Silence*

As we prayers for the folks on our prayer list ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey** Parker and **Cameron** Klass ...

and those with special needs:

Mark Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Donna** Campbell, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Richard** Cooper, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Joe** Koontz, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

Sunday: A Prayer of Love *(The Book of Uncommon Prayer)*

This is your day, God. I will use it to honor you.

I will stand here and inhale your air.

I will feel the sunlight on my face.

I will sing your songs. I will praise your name.

I will remember you in all things, God.

When the sun goes down today, I will remember you.

I will thank you for the gift of living another week.

(And thank you for getting me through the last one.)

Thank you for my family and my friends.

Thank you for your patience.

Thank you for the faith you put in me even when I let you down.

Thank you for your kindness.

Thank you for your peace that's beyond my understanding.

Thank you for your self-control.

Thank you for the joy you have given me.

Thank you for your love, God.

I am your servant. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the Creator bless us and keep us;
may the beloved companion face us
and have mercy upon us;
may the eternal Spirit's countenance
be turned to us and give us peace;
may the Three in One bless us.

Dismissal

The divine Spirit dwells in us.
Thanks be to God.

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we deliver each Sunday.***